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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of April 1946

Shipments of perishable commodities continues at an all time high and will continue so for the balance of this month. While considerable improvement has been made in the car supply so that fruit and vegetable loading is being protected on a current basis, the situation in Maine, Florida, Red River Valley, California, Arizona and the Midwest continues tight. Fruit and vegetable loading from January 1 to March 2nd 1946 was .5% higher than during the same period last year.

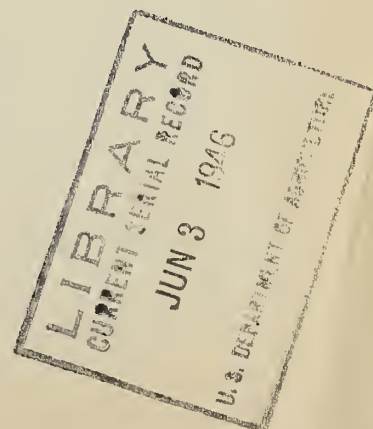
Our estimates indicate that there will be approximately 86,328 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables to be shipped during the month of April 1946, a decrease of .1% compared with 86,424 in the month of March. This indicates that March should be one of the heaviest months on record.

The general commodities now moving in volume and the origin States are as follows:

APPLES	Washington, Oregon and Virginia
ASPARAGUS	California
BEANS, SNAP & LIMA	Florida
BEETS	Texas
CABBAGE	Florida, Georgia, Texas and Louisiana
CARROTS	California and Texas
CAULIFLOWER	California
CELERY	California and Florida
CITRUS	California, Florida and Texas
LEMONS	California
LETTUCE & ROMAINE	Arizona and California
MIXED VEGETABLES	Texas and Florida
SWEETPOTATOES	Louisiana
ONIONS	Texas and New York
PEARS	Oregon
PEAS, GREEN	Florida
TOMATOES	Florida and Texas
POTATOES	(Maine, Florida, Minnesota, Nebraska, (North Dakota, Texas, Colorado, Idaho, (Michigan, Oregon, California

The total estimated carloads to move by regions are shown in the following table:

<u>Region (or State)</u>	<u>Carloads</u>
North Pacific	6,472
South Pacific	23,554
Southwest (except Texas)	2,738
Texas	12,103
Rocky Mountain	535
North Central	6,998
Southern (except Florida)	6,041
Florida	20,464
Great Lakes	510
Middle Atlantic	705
New England	6,208
Total	86,328



The total number of carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables estimated to move from the North Pacific Region as stated above, will approximate 6,472. The States originating these shipments are:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Carloads to originate in</u>		
	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	135	2,125	8
Asparagus	-	20	-
Cauliflower	20	-	-
Mixed Vegetables	-	5	-
Onions	125	-	110
Pears	110	-	-
Potatoes	800	-	3,012
Spinach	-	2	-
Total	1,190	2,152	3,130

The estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the South Pacific Region during April 1946, will aggregate 23,554 cars. The movement from California has been estimated to aggregate 18,871, from Arizona 4,682, and 1 car from Nevada. These shipments are listed below by commodities:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Carloads to originate in</u>		
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>	<u>Nevada</u>
Apples	5	-	-
Asparagus	1,000	-	-
Beans, snap & lima	18	-	-
Broccoli	130	6	-
Cabbage	160	5	-
Carrots	1,980	355	-
Cauliflower	810	5	-
Celery	440	35	-
Grapefruit	250	500	-
Greens, except Spinach	3	-	-
Lemons	1,700	-	-
Lettuce & Romaine	4,830	3,200	-
Mixed Citrus Fruits	140	60	-
Mixed Vegetables	1,100	325	-
Onions	1	-	1
Oranges & Satsumas	5,000	170	-
Pears	30	-	-
Peas, green	750	1	-
Potatoes	513	20	-
Spinach	5	-	-
Sweetpotatoes	2	-	-
Turnips & Rutabagas	4	-	-
Total	18,871	4,682	1

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables from the Southwestern Region during April (excluding Texas, which is discussed later) have been estimated to reach 2,738 carloads. They will consist principally of shipments to originate in Louisiana, i.e., 670 cars of strawberries, 900 cars of cabbage, 460 cars of sweet-potatoes, 307 cars of potatoes, 70 cars of mixed vegetables, and 60 cars of beans, snap and lima. Arkansas is expected to originate 115 cars of strawberries, 55 cars of spinach and 5 cars of sweetpotatoes. Missouri will move 25 cars each of spinach and apples. In addition 35 cars of spinach and 5 cars of mixed vegetables will originate in Oklahoma.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Florida during April 1946, will aggregate 20,464, while the movements from Texas will approximate 12,103 cars. These estimates follow:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Carloads to originate in</u>	
	<u>Florida</u>	<u>Texas</u>
Beans, snap & lima	1,000	-
Beets	-	220
Cabbage	400	175
Carrots	120	590
Celery	2,310	-
Corn, green	10	470
Cucumbers	600	65
Eggplant	40	-
Escarole	290	-
Grapefruit	2,000	2,455
Greens, except Spinach	5	-
Lettuce & Romaine	5	-
Mixed Citrus Fruits	1,030	580
Mixed Vegetables	1,250	1,220
Onions	-	2,750
Oranges & Satsumas	7,500	230
Peppers, green	190	-
Potatoes	2,126	753
Spinach	8	20
Sweetpotatoes	-	115
Tomatoes	1,580	2,450
Turnips & Rutabagas	-	10
Total	20,464	12,103

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during April 1946 will be very light. They will approximate 535 carloads. About 60 per cent of the movements will originate in Colorado and are as follows: 192 cars of potatoes, 95 cars of onions and 30 cars of mixed vegetables. The shipments from Utah are estimated to be 15 cars of onions and 5 cars of mixed vegetables. About 195 cars of potatoes will originate in Wyoming.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Central Region during April 1946, are estimated to be 6,998 cars. These will consist chiefly of potatoes as follows: 3,035 cars from North Dakota, 3,103 cars from Minnesota and 842 cars from Nebraska. Minnesota will also originate 13 cars of onions, 3 cars of turnips and 2 cars of mixed vegetables.

During the month of April 1946, the estimated carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southern Region will total 6,041. Shipments from Florida are not included in these estimates. They have already been discussed in a preceding paragraph. These shipments are listed below by commodity and States of origin:

Commodity	Virginia	Carloads to originate in		
		North Carolina	South Carolina	Tennessee
Apples	275	-	-	-
Asparagus	-	90	-	-
Beans, snap & lima	-	-	2	-
Beets	-	3	50	-
Cabbage	-	25	330	-
Carrots	-	1	-	-
Greens, except Spinach	80	-	4	5
Spinach	65	-	-	-
Lettuce & Romaine	-	20	250	-
Mixed Vegetables	95	-	80	-
Peas, green	-	-	5	-
Potatoes	-	-	10	-
Strawberries	-	5	-	290
Sweetpotatoes	-	50	20	40
Turnips & Rutabagas	-	-	5	-
Total	515	194	756	335

Commodity	Georgia	Carloads to originate in		
		Mississippi	Kentucky	Alabama
Beans, snap & lima	50	-	-	-
Cabbage	1,890	900	-	170
Greens, except Spinach	20	6	1	-
Lettuce & Romaine	90	-	-	-
Mixed Vegetables	20	100	-	28
Peas, green	-	15	-	-
Potatoes	-	-	-	931
Strawberries	-	-	5	5
Sweetpotatoes	-	-	-	5
Turnips & Rutabagas	-	5	-	-
Total	2,070	1,026	6	1,139

The estimated carloads to originate in the Great Lakes Region in April 1946 will aggregate 510. Of this total 380 cars of potatoes, 55 cars of onions, 5 cars of apples and 3 cars of mixed vegetables are assigned to Michigan; 30 cars of apples 5 cars of carrots, and 3 cars of asparagus to Illinois; 11 cars of apples to Ohio; and 20 cars of onions to Wisconsin.

The total volume of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Middle Atlantic Region during April 1946, will approximate 705 carloads. Of this total it is estimated that 585 cars will originate in New York State and will consist of the following: 260 cars of onions, 210 cars of potatoes, 70 cars of carrots, 40 cars of apples, and 7 cars of mixed vegetables. Pennsylvania shipments are

estimated to be 30 cars of apples and 4 cars of potatoes. New Jersey will originate 12 cars of sweetpotatoes and 20 cars of apples. Other apple shipments will be 45 cars from West Virginia and 7 cars from Delaware.

Shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the New England Region will approximate 6,208 carloads. These will consist of 6,191 cars of potatoes from Maine and 17 cars of apples from Massachusetts.

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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1944, 1945 and 1946

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	Beverages /2	Margarine and butterine /3	Fresh fruits & vegetables /3	Meats /4	Butter /5	Cheese /3	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk /3	Canned food stuffs /6	Total
Estimated cars, April 1946	15,351	500	86,328	25,912	1,836	1,409	3,933	1,107	6,852	28,796	172,024
Estimated cars, April 1945	18,060	562	75,264	23,723	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,784	27,930	160,909
Percentage increase or decrease	-15.0	-11.0	14.7	9.2	-13.0	-7.5	1.0	4.5	1.0	3.1	6.9
Estimated cars, May 1946	14,409	400	86,510	29,457	2,059	1,760	5,150	1,525	8,764	30,133	180,167
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,171	26,972	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	29,114	178,505
Percentage increase or decrease	-30.0	1.5	6.6	9.2	-15.9	-7.0	-1.0	0.0	-5.0	3.5	0.9
Estimated cars, June 1946	13,621	222	87,026	26,203	2,534	1,777	5,441	1,815	8,290	33,960	180,889
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458	193	79,388	27,737	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741	32,654	181,672
Percentage increase or decrease	-30.0	15.0	9.6	-5.5	-17.5	-10.0	0.0	-9.9	-14.9	4.0	-0.4
Estimated cars July 1945	20,625	389	79,327	30,423	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	184,881
Number cars shipped July 1944	20,780	366	69,407	34,340	3,075	2,281	5,037	2,063	7,038	28,497	172,884
Percentage increase or decrease	-0.7	6.3	14.3	-11.4	2.0	-6.4	-0.5	4.1	25.2	15.4	6.9
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982	551	72,309	29,569	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	177,548
Number cars shipped August 1944	21,551	418	70,931	34,637	2,706	2,371	4,731	2,279	6,091	35,126	175,359
Percentage increase or decrease	2.0	31.8	1.9	-14.6	2.1	7.1	-1.7	3.0	20.7	-7.4	1.2
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492	380	87,757	27,498	1,880	2,075	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	189,570
Number cars shipped September 1944	20,597	420	89,273	30,239	2,130	2,382	3,947	2,463	5,374	36,046	178,810
Percentage increase or decrease	4.3	-9.5	-1.7	-9.1	-11.7	-12.9	-2.6	7.0	8.4	0.4	6.0
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,235	28,395	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	211,719
Number cars shipped October 1944	22,185	626	91,485	30,343	1,840	2,355	3,639	3,320	4,790	38,206	198,789
Percentage increase or decrease	9.7	-5.8	9.6	-6.4	-11.1	-21.0	-4.2	7.5	-2.6	12.4	6.5

Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars by Months for 1944, 1945 and 1946 /1

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	Margarine and butterine		Fresh fruits & vegetables		Meats		Butter		Cheese		Eggs		Poultry dressed		Canned milk		Canned food stuffs		Total
	Beverages	/2	/3	/4	/5	/6	/7	/8	/9	/10	/11	/12	/13	/14	/15	/16	/17	/18	
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,471	36,356	1,695	2,063	3,165	4,959	4,419	41,888	199,506								
Number cars shipped November 1944	21,201	494	71,557	30,067	1,873	1,928	3,211	4,768	4,206	37,518	176,823								
Percentage increase or decrease	9.0	-21.1	13.9	20.9	-9.5	7.0	-1.4	4.0	5.1	11.6	12.8								
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	73,685	38,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,316	40,570	191,873								
Number cars shipped December 1944	20,562	479	78,521	31,670	1,784	1,543	2,751	4,445	4,569	35,526	181,850								
Percentage increase or decrease	15.8	-21.3	-6.2	21.1	-9.0	6.5	-3.0	9.0	-5.5	14.2	5.5								
Estimated cars, January 1946	21,406	414	82,676	28,005	1,674	1,472	2,928	2,687	4,364	31,595	177,221								
Number cars shipped January 1945	19,472	472	80,620	31,257	1,970	1,690	2,937	2,559	4,430	30,825	176,232								
Percentage increase or decrease	9.9	-12.3	2.6	-10.4	-15.0	-12.9	-0.3	5.0	-1.5	2.5	0.6								
Estimated cars, February 1946	19,892	415	72,787	25,889	1,606	1,449	3,191	1,754	4,391	35,887	167,261								
Number cars shipped February 1945	19,406	426	75,330	26,610	1,867	1,512	3,099	1,670	4,458	34,842	169,220								
Percentage increase or decrease	2.5	-2.6	-3.4	-2.7	-14.0	-4.2	3.0	5.0	-1.5	3.0	-1.2								
Estimated cars, March 1946	18,840	420	86,424	29,594	1,711	1,591	2,898	1,012	5,510	33,149	181,149								
Estimated cars, March 1945	19,832	610	83,827	27,109	1,989	1,729	2,902	964	5,566	32,121	176,649								
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	-31.1	3.1	9.2	-14.0	-8.0	-0.1	5.0	-1.0	3.2	2.5								

/1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

/2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for 1944, and like figures are substituted for former estimates in Jan. and Feb. 1945.

/3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in 1944, and are substituted for previous estimates in January and February 1945.

/4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. March, April, May and June 1946 are estimates. Watermelon shipments not included.

/5 In 1944 and January and February 1945 this figure is the sum of ICC classifications 210, 220 and 222, carloads originated, less canned meats. The other 10 months of 1945 and the first 6 months of 1946 are estimates on the same basis.

/6 In 1944 and January and February 1945 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The other 10 months of 1945 and the first 6 months of 1946 are estimates of the same movement.

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March, 1946

Estimated Carload Shipments of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in April, 1946
as Compared with March, 1946

Estimated shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables for April, 1946 will be approximately 86,328 carloads, a decrease of .11 per cent as compared with the revised estimated movement of about 86,424 cars in March, 1946.

Commodity and State of origin	Estimated carload shipments in	
	March 1946	April 1946
<u>Apples</u>		
Washington	3,050	2,125
Oregon	170	135
California	40	5
Idaho	25	8
Illinois	35	30
Ohio	25	10
Michigan	10	5
New York	40	40
Pennsylvania	40	30
New Jersey	10	20
West Virginia	110	45
Virginia	340	275
Massachusetts	12	15
<u>Asparagus</u>		
California	320	1,000
Washington	-	20
South Carolina	40	90
<u>Beans, snap & lima</u>		
Florida	890	1,000
Georgia	-	50
Louisiana	-	60
California	5	20
<u>Beets</u>		
Texas	310	220
South Carolina	-	50
<u>Broccoli</u>		
California	190	130
Arizona	80	6
<u>Cabbage</u>		
New York	40	-
Alabama	40	170
Florida	1,800	400
Georgia	55	1,890
Mississippi	-	900
North Carolina	-	25
South Carolina	-	330
Louisiana	120	900
Texas	1,690	175
Arizona	50	5
California	90	160
<u>Carrots</u>		
New York	100	70
Florida	80	120
Michigan	15	-
Texas	1,100	590
Arizona	300	355
California	1,500	1,980
Washington	10	-
<u>Cauliflower</u>		
California	1,260	810
Oregon	5	20
<u>Celery</u>		
Florida	5,000	2,310
Arizona	95	35
California	685	440

Commodity and State of origin	Estimated carload shipments in	
	March 1946	April 1946
<u>Corn, green</u>		
Florida	-	10
Texas	-	470
<u>Cucumbers</u>		
Florida	120	600
Texas	-	65
<u>Eggplant</u>		
Florida	10	40
<u>Escarole</u>		
Florida	250	290
<u>Grapefruit</u>		
Florida	1,500	2,000
Texas	3,000	2,455
Arizona	300	500
California	150	250
<u>Grapes</u>		
California	35	-
<u>Greens, except spinach</u>		
Virginia	135	80
Florida	10	5
Mississippi	15	5
Georgia	35	20
<u>Lemons</u>		
California	1,200	1,700
<u>Lettuce & Romaine</u>		
Florida	10	5
Georgia	-	90
North Carolina	-	20
South Carolina	5	250
Arizona	4,200	3,200
California	1,575	4,830
<u>Mixed Citrus Fruits</u>		
Florida	1,460	1,030
Texas	975	580
Arizona	20	60
California	150	140
<u>Mixed Vegetables</u>		
New York	30	5
Alabama	25	28
Florida	1,700	1,250
Georgia	40	20
Mississippi	25	100
South Carolina	5	80
Virginia	15	95
Louisiana	135	70
Texas	2,630	1,220
Colorado	100	30
Idaho	10	-
Arizona	620	325
California	830	1,100
Nevada	10	-
<u>Onions</u>		
New York	340	260
Michigan	200	55
Ohio	35	-
Wisconsin	30	15
Minnesota	30	12
Iowa	10	-
Texas	25	2,750
Colorado	150	95
Idaho	125	110
Utah	35	15
California	20	-
Oregon	115	125

Commodity and State of origin	Estimated carload shipments in	
	March 1946	April 1946
<u>Oranges & Satsumas</u>		
Florida	7,200	7,500
Texas	400	230
Arizona	125	170
California	4,500	5,000
<u>Pears</u>		
California	65	30
Oregon	230	110
Washington	25	-
<u>Peas, green</u>		
Florida	5	-
Mississippi	-	15
California	250	750
<u>Peppers, green</u>		
Florida	315	190
<u>Potatoes</u>		
Maine	8,500	6,191
New York	600	208
Pennsylvania	25	3
Alabama	-	930
Florida	1,163	2,126
South Carolina	-	10
Michigan	700	379
Wisconsin	193	-
Minnesota	2,000	3,103
Nebraska	2,000	842
North Dakota	3,400	3,035
South Dakota	175	-
Louisiana	-	307
Texas	368	753
Colorado	1,600	192
Idaho	6,000	3,012
Montana	20	-
Utah	120	-
Wyoming	350	195
Arizona	-	20
California	500	513
Nevada	86	-
Oregon	900	800
Washington	22	-
<u>Spinach</u>		
Virginia	90	65
Missouri	-	25
Arkansas	10	55
Oklahoma	15	35
Texas	580	20
California	5	5
<u>Strawberries</u>		
Florida	40	5
Tennessee	-	290
Arkansas	-	115
Louisiana	510	670
<u>Sweetpotatoes</u>		
New Jersey	20	12
Alabama	10	-
Kentucky	10	-
North Carolina	50	50
South Carolina	40	20
Tennessee	35	40
Louisiana	635	460
Texas	105	115

Commodity and State of origin	Estimated carload shipments in March 1946	April 1946
<u>Tangerines</u>		
Florida	300	-
<u>Tomatoes</u>		
Florida	1,690	1,580
Texas	5	7,400
<u>Turnips & Rutabagas</u>		
Minnesota	10	3
Texas	5	10
California	10	5

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